

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 72 without my signature.

I strongly support the author's intent to recognize the contributions of the Filipinos during World War II. Accordingly, through the years I have taken administrative actions to publicly acknowledge the efforts through proclamations and other means.

However, I have vetoed nearly identical bills over the last three years and I continue to believe that current law already provides the necessary flexibility for schools to incorporate this topic in their social science instruction. Because school districts may provide instruction on any topic not expressly prohibited by the Education Code, the authorization provided by this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger